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1. The reply filed on May 11, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant failed to elect a species from the group of species claimed in claims 17 or 27. Since applicant has elected "food products" (claims 16 and 26), applicant is required to elect one of the claimed food products in claims 17 and 27. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication the examiner should be directed to Arthur L. Corbin whose telephone number is (571) 272-1399. The examiner can generally be reached on Monday--Friday from 10:30 to 8:00 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Milton Cano can be reached on (571) 272-1398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application is 703-872-9306.

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